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Attendance Policy Stirs Controversy

by Joe Williams

Oyster River's attendance policy may be new to us, but such policies are nothing new for most Seacoast area schools.

"The new attendance policy was drawn up using guidelines from other Seacoast schools," said ORHS principal Geoffrey Jones, (ie. Spaulding, Dover, and Somersworth).

The idea of a new policy was brought up at a faculty meeting at the beginning of last year, but was not voted on until the end of the school year.

"Almost all the faculty agreed that a change was needed," said Mr. Jones. "The only real disagreements had to do with details such as should field trips count as one of the twenty days." (editor's note: At this time field trips and away games do not count.)

Both Mr. Jones and Mr. Kolbjornsen, the staff in charge of the attendance procedure each period, agreed that there still are "bugs" to be worked out in the program but so far the percent of unexcused absences from class and the number of people absent each day has dropped noticeably since last year.

"This is good news", said Mr. Jones "because our overall goal is not to get

people who skip classes but to make sure kids learn and achieve, and one must be in class to accomplish this."

But the students' opinion of the new policy is somewhat different from Mr. Jones.

Adam Terrell, a junior said, "The new attendance period doesn't affect me because I don't skip classes, but I feel the twenty days absent rule is unfair."

Senior Mindy MaKay agreed. "The twenty day rule is unfair; what if someone has mono and is out a long time?" (editor's note: long absences, especially medical ones, are appealable to the review board. The members of the board are: Mrs.

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Mr. Kolbjornsen keeping the absence records up to date.

Board Discusses Construction Plans

by Tom McDonough

The Oyster River School Board is reviewing plans to solve space needs in the school district. These plans will be used to formulate a bond issue to be presented to the district this March. At this time the Board is reviewing data and scenarios presented by the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) and the architectural firm the Board has contracted. Two of the proposals being discussed include a new elementary school or a new high school.

The needs of the school district as outlined by the LRPC's February 6, 1986 report are both present

needs and needs based on projected enrollment figures. The "immediate needs" at the high school are based on curriculum and program needs. The LRPC report states the need for three additional classrooms, an additional Physics-Chemistry laboratory, and additional industrial and fine arts space which "should include an auditorium." The report emphasizes that these needs are independent of present or projected enrollments.

The middle school has a present need of improvement of the industrial arts and home economics facilities to meet existing state requirements. The middle school will also require
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Foreign Students Enjoying ORHS

by Dave Rice and Gunnar Olson

This year we have five students taking part in the Exchange Student Program. They are Ralf Bretlander, Antte Muller, and Christophe Kronshage from Germany, Laura Corsica from Italy, and Marjaana Katajisto from Finland. In this program students from one country attend school in another.

There are many ways that students may come to this country to attend

schools. One way is through private groups. Another way is made possible by local rotary groups. A third way is through major exchange student sponsors. This is the way this years' foreign students came.

Most of the students say they like the school system which we have here. Antte Mueller said she feels the student-teacher relationships are much better here than at the schools in her country. Laura Corsico felt that the students are very

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by Jessie McLane

Mrs. Nancy Christen W. Modern is the new Spanish II teacher here at Oyster River High School. Her name is the first pronunciation that the students in Spanish. "Modern" isn't pronounced as in "modern times" but "Modern" as in to MOW the lawn and that DURN thing. Mrs. Modern took over full-time for Mrs. Schaeffer until she returned recently.

Now that Mrs. Schaeffer has returned, Mrs. Modern and she will be teaching by a method called "job sharing." "Mrs. Schaeffer is taking over for periods 1, 2, and 3 while Mrs. Modern continues teaching 4, 5, and 6. This will allow Mrs. Schaeffer to get "back in the swing of things" and give Mrs. Modern a little break.

Mrs. Modern has taught six years at Portsmouth High School and the University of New Hampshire as an intermediate Spanish teacher. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin, emphasizing classes in the liberal arts.

Mrs. Modern really likes teaching here and enjoys the students. "I am impressed with the comradie of the students here at ORHS," she commented. It's a small school, which I like, and the students seem to be polite with the staff. Since I have been here, I haven't heard a student put down another. Mrs. Modern did seem a little surprised by the unusual amount of willingness the students have to learn.

According to Mrs. Modern, teaching here at Oyster River is no more challenging than she expected, although the paper work and the amount of classes she is teaching is a little more work than first anticipated, she feels that the willingness by the students is worth the extra effort both here and at home.

Mrs. Reeves: There's More To My job than Aspirin

by Joe Cormier

Mrs. Reeves, the new school nurse, has been a certified nurse for 25 years.

Mrs. Reeves previously worked at Spaulding High School, teaching a health occupation education. This is a two year vocational program, which introduces kids to particular health care careers, which she is certified to teach.

Mrs. Reeves thinks she is here for more than just giving aspirin, she feels she is there for people who need to talk, also to help work on the drug problem. Her teaching experience, will help her do better with working with kids.

As for the school and its drug problem She feels, "With me and the counslor for kids to come and talk to. She also feels, "the school has made a darn good start." Although she thinks more has got to be done.

Mrs. Reeves likes ORHS, but she feels, " In the 20 years of teaching, students have seemed lately to be taking less responsibility for their own actions. There seems to be more concern for getting to the 'Job' after school than accomplishing the 'Job' of doing well in school.

I also feel we are seeing fewer parents willing to 'Parent' and students who are carrying the burdens of their 'parents' problems as well as the myried problems of an adolescent."

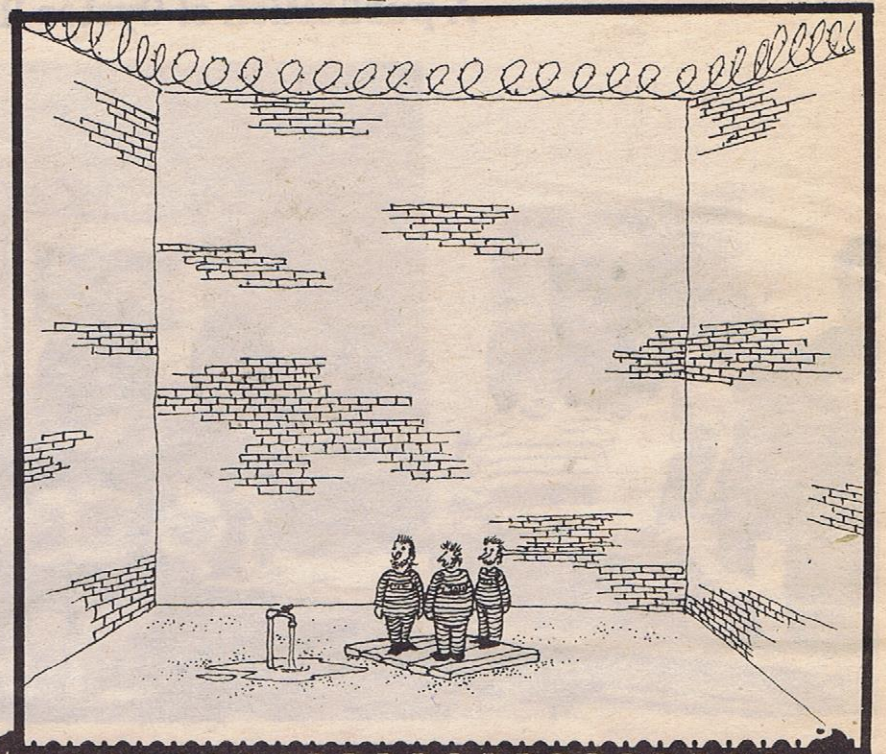
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friendly and the classes are good.

The students that were interviewed said that they have noted many cultural differences between their country and the U.S.. Laura said that food is a major difference here. Antte Mueller stated,

"We don't seem to eat as much junk type food in Germany as it seems people do here in the U.S.."

Mr Jones said that overall the Exchange Student Program is very useful in giving people involved experiences that they can draw from later in life.



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18 Is No Longer Old Enough

by Tod Bicknell

Are you old enough to register a car? Are you old enough to vote? Are you old enough to be drafted? Are you old enough to be tried as an adult in a court of law?

If you answer yes to these questions, you probably think you're old enough to sign your own dismissal note, right? Well, according to the new attendance policy, you're wrong. Unless you're living on your own, you are not allowed to sign yourself in or out of school.

How can a society decide that someone who's old enough to put a president in office, be sent to a foreign land to get shot at, and pay residence tax isn't old enough to handle their last year in public education?

The new policy, which was instated this year, declares: "eighteen year old students are subject to the same regulations as all other students. Only those students who are no longer under parental jurisdiction will be permitted to present their own excuses and dismissals."

According to Assistant Principal Neil Shapiro, students in the past were taking advantage of the system and were signing themselves out habitually, ignoring the fact that students must attend class a minimum of 170 days to receive credit.

The policy was also a result of an outcry by community parents who thought that if they were paying for the students'

tuition, food, and other supplies, they should have a say in when a student could "feel like taking the day off."

In retrospect, if the new policy was a result of system abuse, why make up a new one to punish the next set of young adults? It is my personal opinion that if a few students were abusing the system, punish the few not the mass.

For a school system that is supposedly in the top 5 in the state, should be able to come up with a reasonable attendance policy. 🐾

Attendance

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Perry, Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Estaver, and Mrs. Reeves. The alternates are Mrs. Pomerleau and Mr. Nilson.)

Junior Jeff Carlson was angered by the new procedure. They say that it's unexcused if we are late, or if we are absent it counts as one of the twenty days because it's impossible to teach if you're not there, but then they take you out of class for labs."

Another Senior replied that the policy "stinks". "I had a dentist appointment and when I gave them the note for being late, they said that it was unexcused."

Mr. Jones replied to this incident by saying that, "Such appointments should not be made for times during school because it takes up valuable class time."

It was decided at a recent faculty meeting that the policy is subject to review by the faculty during the course of this year. 🐾



New Parking Lot Plans Are Inadequate

by Kati Lynes

Parking at Oyster River is a major problem that must be solved. There just aren't enough places to go around - for both teachers and students. There are 52 spaces available for an average of 90 students driving to school on regular basis. 67 places have been assigned to 68 teacher/staff and 2 interns. This is an annoying problem as well as a hazardous situation.

Although the teachers' parking areas are outlined and each teacher is assigned a parking place, some teachers must share. Last year there was an equal number of teachers and parking places. Mr. Nilson pointed out that this year, in many cases, several teachers have been hired to take the place of one teacher which only aggravates the already troublesome situation. Also, a new demsey dumpster is located in the teachers' parking lot filling 2 spaces.

The "domino effect", as Mr. Nilson refers to it, is another problem. Sometimes a parent of a student coming in for a conference is unaware of the teachers' assigned parking places and they park in a place reserved for a teacher who hasn't arrived at school yet. When that teacher arrives at school, he/she must park in someone else's place--bumping the next employee out of his/her place, and so on.

With student parking, the situation is very hazardous. Parking along the

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O.R. District to be S.A.U. #5

by David Criswell

The Oyster River District voters and the School Administrative Unit 56 board both voted overwhelmingly to split SAU 56. As of July 1, 1987, the SAU 56, which now consists of Oyster River, Somersworth, and Rollinsford, will divide making the Oyster River School District its own SAU (5).

SAU 56 is the only SAU with two large school districts, Somersworth and Oyster River. According to Al Elwell, assistant superintendent of SAU 56, the needs of the two districts have expanded so much it will be beneficial to separate so each SAU can concentrate on their own problems. Elwell also said it was advantageous for both sides to split up.

Financially Oyster River's new SAU will cost \$25,000 more than if there were still three districts sharing the costs. One of its expenses will be the hiring of new staff members. A large amount will come from the SAU 56 building which has an estimated value of \$200,000, just over 50% of which is OR's share.

The SAU board is still contemplating whether to sell the building and equipment or just split the merchandise according to how much they own.

All the school districts have developed transition committees, which will participate in the hiring of a new staff, deciding what will be done with the equipment at the old SAU building, and deciding where the new building will be.

John Powers will be the superintendent of SAU 5 with assistant Al Elwell. Mr. Seigny will be the supervisor and Rachael Spainhower will be the bookkeeper. The other personnel still has not been chosen.

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Nichols Looking for Spirit

by Keith Pearsall

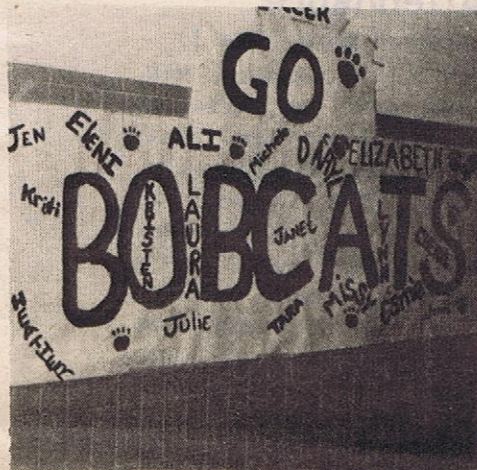
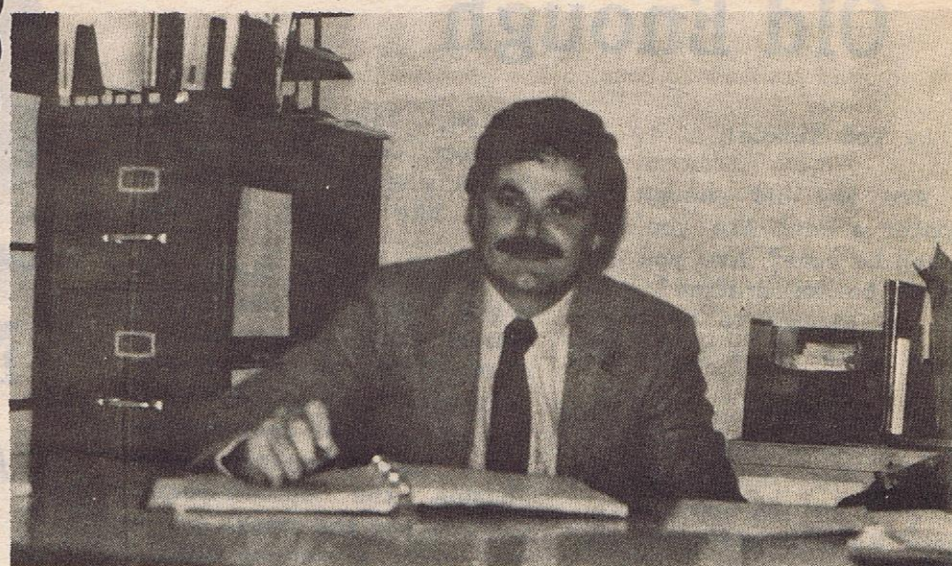
For two years Mr. Dave Nichols has been the athletic director at Oyster River High School. Nichols said that even though the job demands a lot of time away from his family he still loves his work as athletic director.

As Athletic Director Mr. Nichols wears many hats, because as Athletic director Mr. Nichols has to go to many sports events. Nichols said, "It's kind of hard at times to go to all the events, because of the number of events going on, on the same day. I do enjoy going to as many as I can because of the number of good athletes at ORHS." Along with going to all the games, the job involves meeting with coaches for scheduling and other things. Nichols also coaches the boys ORHS basketball team, and does some of the officiating at the games. When asked what he likes least about the job Nichols said, "the paper work is the worst part of the job!"

Mr. Nichols feels the one problem the athletic department has is a lack of school spirit. He believes ORHS students should come together more as unified supporters when the school is involved. He also feels its hard to get good community support because UNH gets a lot of the attention.

ORHS hockey players Chris Schuyler and Dave Rice agree that "Mr. Nichols is doing a good job," however they think most athletic directors are too concerned with the politics of the job and would like to see them become more tuned in to the athletics. ORHS coach and gym teacher Don Maynard said, "Mr. Nichols does a great job, he puts a lot of effort into the job."

For the future, Mr. Nichols said he would like to get more students involved in the athletic program so ORHS can grow as one of the best athletic schools in the state. 🐾



by Chris Schuyler

Former coaches at ORHS state a constant theme: if you aren't working with the students in school time, you won't be as effective on the playing field. This appears to be one reason often given by ex-coaches why ORHS cannot keep many of their varsity coaches.

"The Oyster River administration considers sports a nice boutonniere," said former varsity soccer coach Chris Lawrence. He quit his job 2 years ago as head coach of the OR Bobcats soccer team. Lawrence, along with many other coaches, feels that to be an effective coach you must be able to see the players in a school situation in addition to just a playing situation. Mr. Nichols however feels that sports is treated as an interrelated part of school.

Another former coach, Tim Quint, has concerns about lack of Board fair treatment.

Its a good thing we don't treat the kids the way the school board treats the coaches," said former varsity hockey coach Tim Quint. Quint's contract to coach ORHS Varsity Hockey was not renewed.

"I honestly felt that if Mr. Jones hadn't come to me, I would have been out without a word." (Editor's note: Only two members of the school board were on the board at the time of Quint's non-renewal.)

O.R. Coaches Leaving?

According to Quint, some parents complained about his coaching to board members and he was never allowed to answer those concerns or even to hear what the concerns were or who the parents were. "The board has shown that a small group will overrule a greater majority."

Mrs. Jane Pokoski, a veteran board member said: "The board members aren't as free to speak on personnel matters as a teacher would be, but I do want to say that we went through all the steps before we made a decision." Pokoski said that the board had input from all concerned and made the decision for "perfectly valid reasons—applying standards that are reasonable for any teacher in the system."

School Board chair Joseph Murdoch was unavailable for comment.

Oyster River has had a new varsity soccer coach each year for the last 3 years. The high school also has had a new girls' soccer, basketball, and softball coach each year for the last 2 years. Boys' varsity and J.V. ice hockey have also gone through 3 coaches in 3 seasons. Dave Rice, a varsity hockey player, said, "the team would have been stronger if one coach had been there more than one year."

Another reason stated by former coaches for leaving was the pay. Rick Olmstead, former varsity ice hockey coach, said, "I have a growing family and I thought it was time for me to make a little money for them so I left." Most of the coaches said money was not the reason they coached but rather they liked coaching. Both Olmstead and Lawrence said they enjoyed the enthusiasm and energy that ORHS students put into sports. Mr. Nichols said that "the salaries at Oyster River are competitive with those of other schools."

Lawrence's main complaint with coaching at Oyster River was with the administration. According to Lawrence he received no support actions on his requests. Lawrence says he had written to the high school at many different times and asked for information on students who may have been having trouble academic problems. He never received any information and then in the middle of the season his star player was pulled from the team because of academic problems. Mr. Nichols said that he was not the athletic director at the time of this incident.

Lawrence said "ORHS administration should re-evaluate the position of

sports and the total education of the student. I feel that the students will learn as much playing a soccer game as they will sitting in a classroom." Lawrence said also "that to be most effective, the coach should also see the players in an academic situation so that the coach can see a different side of the player and the player a different side of the coach."

Olmstead said, "It is easier for a player to open up to a coach than a teacher." "Thus if a coach is also a teacher, this communication might be even greater than that just on the playing field. Mr. Nichols agrees with this but he says that "Oyster River has to have coaches that meet a standard and teachers that meet a standard and its hard for the school to find a person who will meet both standards." 🐾



Udeh New Soccer Coach

by John Duffy

Pat Udeh has been hired to coach the ORHS boys varsity soccer team. Udeh is the third coach hired for this job in the past three years.

"Listen to me and you will take the cup," says Udeh, confident that this years team has the potential to do just that. A staunch advocate of the theory that practice makes perfect, Udeh said, "people tell me that we will have a great team because of the great tradition of this school. Tradition doesn't win games, practice does." Udeh believes in what he calls the "old style" of soccer. He likes to keep players in the game for long periods. "I don't like to keep substituting because it disrupts the flow that the players get into."

Originally from Nigeria, Udeh came to study at U.N.H. where he played varsity soccer for four years and was a captain for one. After his schooling Udeh played semi-pro soccer for a while. He now lives in Dover and works as an investment counselor.

Pat Udeh is well liked by his players. Junior David Criswell says, "I like his style. If we don't do a play correctly, he won't yell at us. He just quietly explains."

Senior Jon Shar commented that, "it's a little hard to understand his English but I like him. He expects a lot, but he gives a lot in return."

According to junior Seth Taube, "because we respect him and he respects us we don't mind working for him."

This year's team is looking good with a 8 and 1 record. They have high hopes for the playoffs.



Crew Team Enters Boston Regatta

by Rain Williams

On October 19th, the Oyster River Crew Team will enter three boats in the Head of the Charles Regatta. The race will take place in Boston on the Charles River.

The men's team is rowing one boat, a double, with senior, Chris Warren in stroke and junior, Pieter Beckman in bow.

"Warren and Beckman look like they are determined to surpass their former world championship teammates," Mark Riddle and Scott Bogle, said Mike Dreher a senior rower on the team.

Riddle and Bogle came in 8th in the world this past summer when they attended the junior world championships in Czechoslovakia. Coach, Jim Dreher said, Warren and Beckman are planning to go to the next world rowing championships this coming summer in Cologne, Germany.

Warren believes, "We don't really think that we will win because of the high caliber competition; however, I think we will have a strong showing."

The women's team will participate in two events. Junior Rain Williams, and freshman, Danika Harris will be rowing in a double. A four will be rowed by juniors, Pele Harris, and Stacey Samuels, sophomore Nissa Youngren, and freshman Danika Harris the coxswain. Portsmouth will also be rowing in the four.

"We are all really psyched but very nervous about rowing on the Charles, it's our first head race," said Pele Harris.

The women's coach, Colleen Dreher, is striving to send a women's boat along with the men's to the worlds. She believes "anyone of the rowers on the team could improve enough to become championship material if she put her mind to it. You have to make many sacrifices and be determined to win."

Golf Club Ends Season 16-6

by Dave Mangene

This year golf has been added to the interscholastic fall sports program at Oyster River.

The idea started late last spring when a number of students showed an interest in golf. Senior Tom Cronshaw commented that interest began, "because there are a few decent players that could do well for a team."

According to Tom Cronshaw the school board decided that organization would be a golf "club" not a golf "team" because they (schoolboard) didn't want to add golf to the budget. The club will get no equipment and will provide their own transportation. The only difference between the club and a regular team is that a club won't receive letters at the sports banquet. The schedule will be just the same as a team, with eight matches and a state tournament.

Recently the club has been successful at their matches. They finished the regular season with a record of sixteen and six which is sixth in the state. Going into the state tournament Junior Pete Fitzgerald said "If we all play good we could win it."

This year the team includes seniors Tom Cronshaw, Scott Gunter, Kevin Fitzgerald, Jim Gwinn, and Jeff Robar. The juniors are Dave Mangene, Pete Fitzgerald, and Rob Reeves. Dave Goodman makes up the sophomores.

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Boys' Track

by David Criswell

The Oyster River boys track team coached by Bob Byrnes is doing exceptionally well as their record shows. Their worst finish in state wide competition is third, they also placed third in New Hampshire competition.

The only two teams Oyster River has lost to is Pinkerton and Stevens. Byrnes feels his team is one of the top five in the state without a doubt.

The teams top runners are Michael Holmes, Matt Fitzgerald, and Mark Hagerty which all are competitive in state competition and are also all sophomores.



Sports Briefs

Field Hockey

by Keith Pearsall

Even though the record does not show it, this season, the girls' varsity field hockey team is having a very good season. Time and time again, tough state-ranked opponents would find themselves coming into a game with Oyster River thinking of an easy win, but coming out with either a loss, tie, or a battle.

If all teams take ORHS team lightly, why are all games so very tough for their opponents? The coach of the field hockey team, Ms. Lawson feels this is the reason: "a lot of the tough opponents do take us lightly and we really are a good team and should not be taken lightly."

As of now, the Bobcats stand at 3,-7-3, the final game being October 16. Team captains Joanna Evora and Molly Hodgson both agree: "The year is going really well. Along with the hard effort in games, this season has been a lot of fun." Ms. Lawson also went on to say there have been many stand out players for us this season. In net Kati Hosmer is doing a great job. She knows her position well and is usually a big part of the Bobcats' success. On the defense, Ms. Lawson feels Chrissy Curran, and Molly Hodgson, are doing a great job. She also went on to say that there is always constant hustle from both Curran and Hodgson. On the offensive side, Ms. Lawson said: "Jennie Ruffner and Kristin Cavanaugh both have been big factors for the Bobcats this season."

In the future Ms. Lawson believes that with the kind of effort she is getting this year, she can help build a championship field hockey team at Oyster River High School. 🐾

Volleyball

by Chris Schuyler

The girls varsity volleyball team is off to another good start this year. Their record is 14-2 and they are making another bid for the state title. Senior Karen Rogers said "I think we can win if we keep our acts together the same way we did when we won in 83."

Perhaps the reason why the lady bobcats are doing so well is their coach Roy Swanson. Mr. Swanson has coached for 11 years at Oyster River. Rogers also said about coach Swanson "He's a coach that isn't hard but isn't easy. He gets the potential out of the team." The girls have the state tournament on the 24-25 of October (Friday and Saturday) at New Hampshire College in Manchester. 🐾

Girls' Track

by David Criswell

The Oyster River girls track team, coached by Jeff Johnson, has received first place in many of their recent meets against Portsmouth and in the Exeter Invitational they placed thirteenth out of thirty teams.

The teams top runner is Allison Moore who is currently out with a knee injury. Johnson said it was a toss up as to who was next after Allison. The position was contended between many of the runners, but the top two contenders were Liz Ashley and Kerry Swift.

Johnson feels his team is doing well for such a young team, his top seven runners are freshmen and sophmores. He also feels his team has a lot of depth and that "they will be in there" in the state meet. 🐾



Boys' Soccer

by Dave Mangene

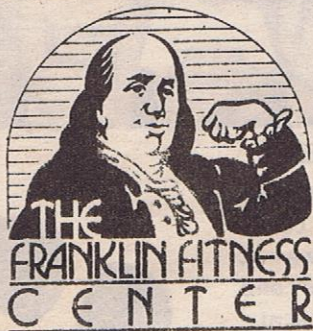
Currently the varsity boys' soccer team is ranked first in the state in our division with a record of eight and one. With games on Oct. 17 and 20, the seasons ended with ORHS already guaranteed its spot in the playoffs.

They have beaten Newmarket (3-1), Kennett (4-0), Exeter (1-0), Sanborn (3-0), and recently they beat Kennett again (5-0). On Oct. 16, the soccer team played Berlin and defeated them 2-0. The team's only loss was to Hanover (1-0). The soccer games this year have had one recurring unusual event. In each game that junior, Charlie Hogarty has played he has suffered an injury. It is becoming

habit to see Charlie limping off the field or grimacing in pain. His most recent injury was during the Kennett game when an opposing player stepped on his foot, pulling ligaments in his ankle.

The varsity team this year has added some foreign spice to its roster. German exchange student, Christoff Kronshage is playing great for the team. According to teammate, junior Dave Criswell, "he's fast and aggressive and can score goals." In the Kennett game Christoff had two goals from his wing position.

Coach Patrick Udeh had this to say about the team, "We've got down to scoring and now we have to keep it going." 🐾



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SENIOR CLASS

by Kati Lynes

The Senior Class Council this past month raised \$169.50 by holding a car wash. About 15 enthusiastic seniors washed approximately 75 cars. On November 7 the senior class will be throwing a dance — all are welcome — seniors, it'll be a blast!! 🐾

OFFICERS

by Gunnar Olson

On Tues. Oct. 7th the Freshmen voted for their class officers. When the votes were tallied Dan Shar was elected for president. Others that were elected are Jason Seaver for vice-president, Sara Berndtson as the secretary, Heather Shenefiel as the treasurer, and Laura Magidson and Jason Pollard as the Student Council Representatives. 🐾

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road creates blind spots and makes it difficult to pull a car out of the outer circle. Accidents have occurred.

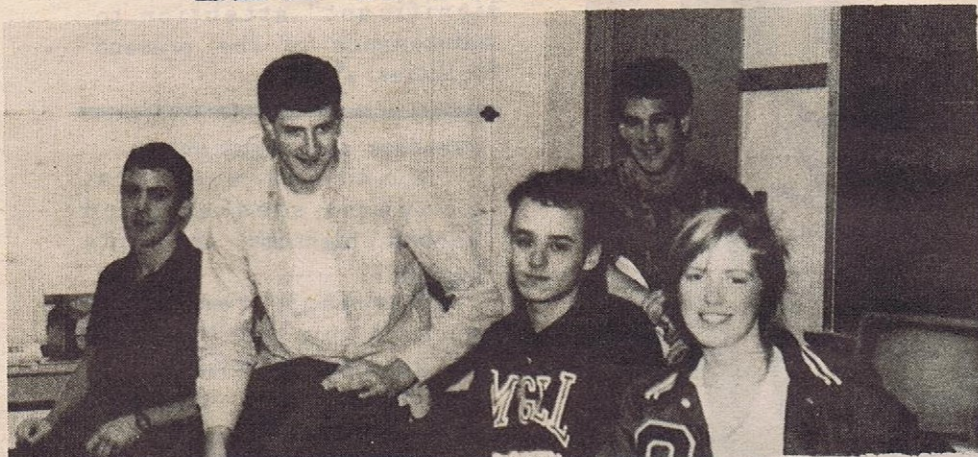
Jennifer Ruffner, a senior at Oyster River, attends a German class at UNH in the mornings. When she gets to school, there is no where to park. Katie Hosmer thinks the whole situation is ridiculous. One student, Tawny Weeks, suggested additional parking across from the tennis courts.

What can be done about this? Rumor has it that the problem was going to be turned over to the Student Council, but Michele Jacobson, the president of Student Council, has not yet heard anything.

One idea is to assign parking places to the early dismissal students, making them park on the inner circle. There are always one or two free spaces on the inner circle because of the policy that states one must wait for the buses' departure before leaving the inner circle. Many are affected by this rule and this would free spaces for students wishing to leave school immediately.

The drivers' education class for the first quarter ends in about a month. Can the parking lot and Coe Drive fit that many more cars? Let's hope that the budget is approved for the new parking lot. At least that will cure the situation for next year, but what about now? Far too often I have been late for a class (unexcused of course!) because I could not find a legal place to park — which brings up the new attendance policy...

News Briefs



The G.S.C. Team: L to R, Gordon, Thatcher, Eliot, Eric, and Cori. (Matt was missing for the photo.)

GRANITE STATE

by Joe Cormier

The first taping of the Granite State Challenge will be held on Monday Oct. 27 from 6-8. Granite State Challenge is a Channel 11 high school quiz program involving NH high schools. Two years ago, OR's team came in second to Phillips Exeter Academy in the finals.

The Oyster River Team consists of players, Eliot Shepard, the team captain, Gordon Murphy, Cori Eckert and Matt Little. There will also be two alternates, Thatcher Ulrich and Eric Pfanner. Their coach Mr. Tappan, is a newcomer to coaching the team. Mr. Stoykovich the previous Oyster River Granite State

Challenge coach left the coaching position because of his judging responsibilities on the show.

There are 32 schools participating in the "Challenge", but the number of schools will be pared down to 16 schools by Oct. 21. Oyster River's first opponent is Bishop Guertin. If Oyster River wins over Bishop Guertin, they will continue on to play against Pinkerton Academy of Nashua. The finals will not held until April. 🐾

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space in the next five years to accommodate 110 more students over present enrollment. The K-5 grade levels need to accommodate 125 more students in the next five years.

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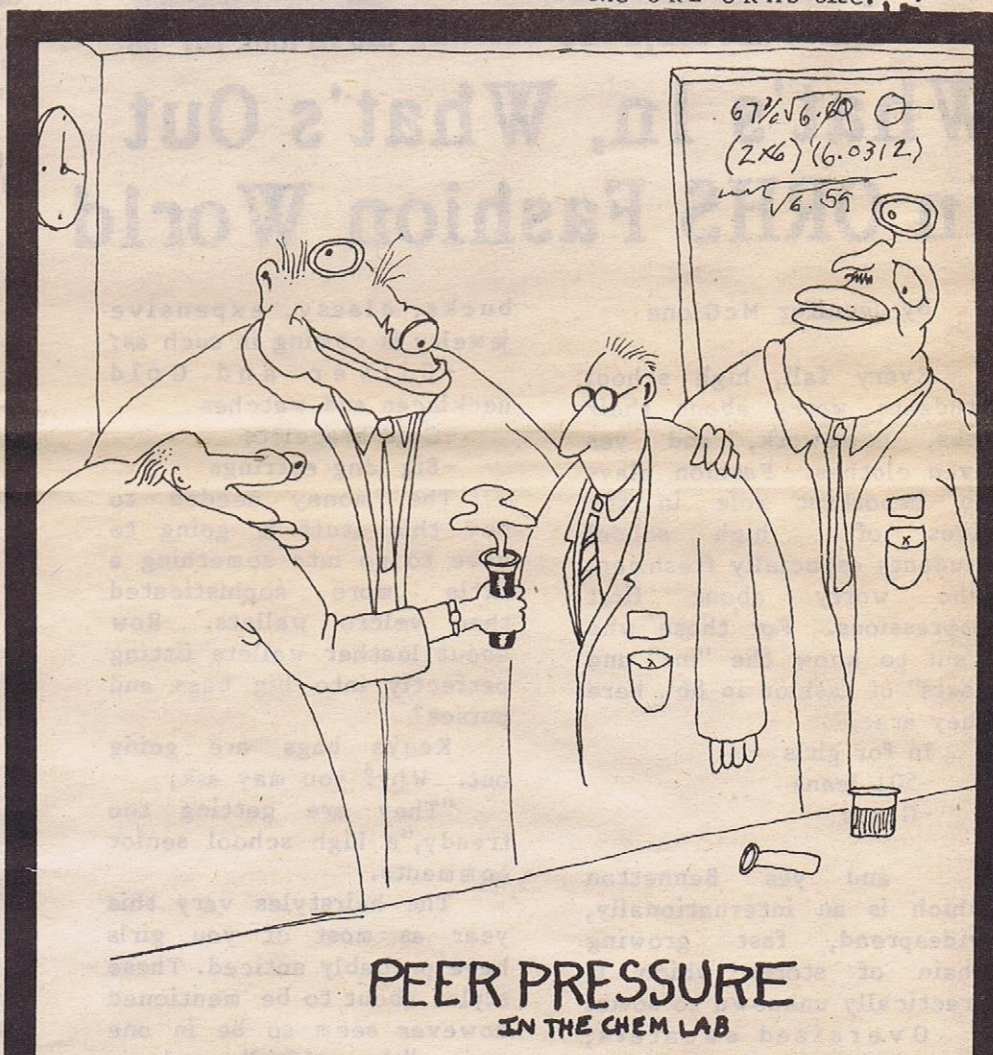
DEBATE TEAM

by Tom McDonough

The debate team has two new advisors, Dom More and Bob McDonough. An organizational meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 21st for anybody interested in debate or speech competition. Anyone interested should contact Morgan Brown and attend the meeting on the 21st.

The team will be entering a minimum of 3 N.H. competitions and some out of state meets. Information regarding the first competition and what competitions are open will be given out at the meeting on the 21st.

The other three plans are not being reviewed in depth because of issues surrounding construction on the Mast Way site and possible overcrowding of the number of K-5 students on the ORE-ORMS site. 🐾



Mirielle Davis in a fashionable sweater

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Liz Ashley and Sonja Chu modeling the in look for '86

What's In, What's Out In ORHS Fashion World

by Jennifer McGlone

Every fall, high school students worry about their jobs, homework, and yes even clothes. Fashion plays an important role in the lives of high school students especially freshmen, who worry about first impressions. For those who want to know the "ins" and "outs" of fashion in '86, here they are:

In for girls
-501 jeans
-Guess

and yes Bennetton which is an internationally, widespread, fast growing chain of stores which is practically unknown to some.

Oversized sweaters, shakerknits, and cardigans with tank tops underneath seem to be what the majority of girls is wearing. Some prefer sweatshirts worn inside out and even Army Fatigues.

Noticeably enough, fluorescent colors went out last year while a new trend, flowered jeans, are on their way out.

A footnote to the fashions mentioned above: we can't forget what gets these girls around:

Boots for the dressy look, Reeboks and Tretorns for the sporty look and for the comfort of some, Hightop sneakers.

The accessories to some are almost important to some as vibrant hair-color is to others.

Some bad news first: Swatch watches are going out along with brooches and coral necklaces. The good news is, for those with the

bucks, classy, expensive jewelry is coming in such as:

-Silver and Gold necklaces and watches
-Gold bracelets
-Big long earrings

The money needed to buy this stuff is going to have to go into something a little more sophisticated than velcro wallets. How about leather wallets fitting perfectly into big bags and purses?

Kenya bags are going out. Why? you may ask;

"They are getting too trendy," a high school senior comments.

The hairstyles vary this year as most of you girls have probably noticed. These styles about to be mentioned however seem to be in one case "the thing" and in others not:

-Long sunbleached hair is coming in, while hairtails, lopsided do's and half-painted hair is slowly dyeing (sic!) out.

The perfume worn, if any should be, "light and airy," and definitely not mixed with different fragrances. A few O.R.H.S. students commented.

Now for the guys:

Boys and "young" men are definitely not forgotten when it comes to fashion. Although the majority of them seem not to pay much attention to their attire, it is clearly seen who is "in" and who needs a little help.

-501 Levi's jeans are a definite fashion at O.R.H.S.

Name brand jeans seem to be coming back slowly but surely.

Ralph Lauren is a popular brand name for

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The report also calls for "much needed and significant" attention to maintenance of the present facilities. 🐾

sweaters and rugby shirts.

Concert t-shirts, Converse sneakers, and Reebok hightops are quite popular.

Earrings aren't seen much on guys but they have not gone out of style.

The rule that applies to girls is the same with the guys. Velcro wallets are out; leather wallets and money clips are in.

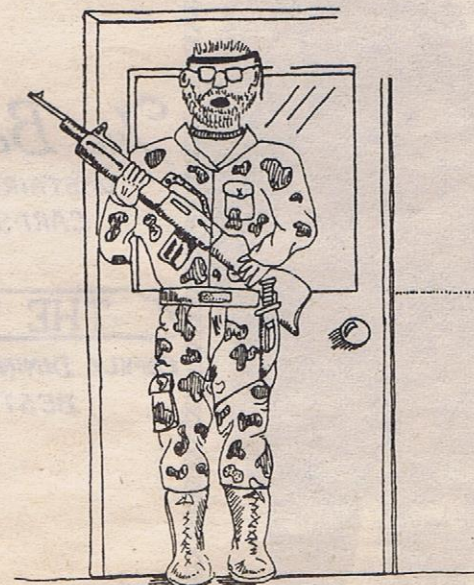
The popular cologne such as Polo, Brut, and Old Spice should not be worn in immense amounts. Light amounts should be worn as with girls.

The hairstyles vary this year with the "young" men at O.R.H.S. While the majority of them have short clean cut hair do's; some dare to be different with long hair and even mohawks!?! The clean look is in.

This concludes my update on Fashions of '86. Watch out '87! 🐾



Steve Leitz: fashion on wheels



TO ENFORCE THE NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY THE SCHOOL HAS HIRED A NEW OFFICE AIDE AND AN X-GREEN BERET...

M.O.R. Horoscope

by Karen Rogers

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone with whom you've had a problem, may try to make amends today. If you are not receptive it could irritate this person further and he or she may give up trying.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) A situation that thus far has not been working out too well is about to improve. You won't get all you want, but you will be better off than before.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) A material objective for which you'll be striving today can be fulfilled, but you must take care that you do not alienate associates in the process.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Treat others kindly today, but don't act against your best interests just to placate a sorehead. You know how to do what needs doing without making enemies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You won't make points with a friend today if you keep reminding this person how much you have done for him or her and how little he or she has done for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In order for a collective effort to succeed today all parties must be in complete harmony. If there is discord, you might not attain your goals.

ARIES (March 21-APRIL 19) Jobs that you enjoy doing will be a snap for you today, but if you are required to perform a task you dislike, production could come to a halt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A joint venture you are involved in is a touch-and-go situation today. It could collapse if the parties involved behave in a selfish fashion.

GEMINI (May 21-July 20) It's best today that you follow through on a commitment that you made to another, even though you'd like to revoke it due to a change in circumstances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't expect immediate acknowledgement of something you'll do for another today. But your helpfulness won't be overlooked, provided your motivation is sincere.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's not a wise policy today to spend money that you expect to receive shortly. If it's delayed, it would throw your budget out of whack.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There is a possibility that you might step out of character today and not be as grateful as you should to persons who are trying to help you. 🐾